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### New Deputy Minister Appointed to Aboriginal Affairs and Intergovernmental Relations - 11/21/2005

Gabriela Sparling has been appointed to the position of Deputy Minister for Aboriginal and Intergovernmental Relations, Premier Joe Handley announced today. The appointment takes place with immediate effect.

Ms. Sparling takes over the role from Robert McLeod who remains Secretary to Cabinet. "Ms. Sparling is a valued member of our senior management team and I look forward to working with her in her new role," said Premier Handley.

Gabriela Sparling, currently Associate Deputy Minister at the Department of Executive, has been an employee of the Government of the Northwest Territories since 1990. She has served in various capacities, including Community Transfer Coordinator in the early 1990's, GNWT Chief Negotiator at the Gwich'in/Inuvialuit Self-Government table, and Deputy Secretary to Cabinet.

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